

REMARKS

Claims 8-14, 19-22, 27-30, and 35-40 are now pending.

By the above amendment, claims 1-7, 15-18, 23-26 and 31-34 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in this or a continuing patent application.

Claims 35-40 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

These preliminary amendments have been made to reduce the fees due in connection with the accompanying U.S. national phase application. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request prompt examination of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (858) 350-2315.

Respectfully submitted,

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